

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE 2019 HONOREES OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS ILLINOIS DIVISION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 10 individuals who are being recognized as the 2019 Polish American Congress, Illinois Division, Honorees. These Polish-Americans will be honored on Sunday, October 20th, at the 50th Annual Polish American Heritage Award Banquets.

Each year, the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress presents awards to recognize notable work in public service, philanthropy, heritage, community service, the arts, and other notable accomplishments. This year's honorees are The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Richard Owsiany, Lucie Bucki, Dominic A. Pacyga, Ph.D., Jacek Niemczyk, Tom Startek, Martin Obrecki, Maria Roszek-Kucharski, Ewa Milde, and Bogdan Lanko. The Polish American Congress, and its mission to unite the Polish-American community and to aid its members to become better informed American citizens, have benefited from the contributions of these individuals.

The Illinois Division is one of 25 state divisions under the national Polish American Congress, and it represents 39 Polish-American organizations and over one million Americans of Polish heritage from across the state. In Chicagoland, and Illinois as a whole, we are blessed to have the most robust Polish-American community in our nation. The Illinois Division works to bring community members together, and it is a privilege to represent and work closely with so many members of this organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the award recipients on this tremendous honor. They deserve praise for the energy and time they have dedicated to strengthening Polonia and our nation. I wish them the best in their future endeavors where they will surely continue their success.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND
JOBS PARITY ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Employment Services and Jobs Parity Act. This legislation would make long overdue amendments to the Wagner-Peyser Act to include the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa.

Presently, the Marianas and American Samoa are not eligible for the employment

services formula grant that is currently awarded to all other states and insular areas. Congressional action is needed to ensure all Americans can get the help they need to develop the skills necessary to enter in-demand jobs and career paths. Special Representatives of the Marianas and the President recommend in 2017 that the Department of Interior work cooperatively with DOL to extend the Wagner-Peyser Act to the Marianas.

At a time when our island economies continue to recover from major natural disasters, the annual Wagner-Peyser grant would provide timely support to the Marianas and American Samoan workforce through skills assessment, career guidance, and referrals to training for job seekers.

Now is the time to make things right and ensure parity for all Americans. The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. Radewagen is an original co-sponsor. This bill is important to the workers in the Marianas and American Samoa. I urge all my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CITY COUNCILMAN DR. JOE LEE
SMITH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and celebrate the service of Councilman Dr. Joe Lee Smith, who after 36 years of faithful service to our Rockledge City Council, will enter retirement this November.

Having been elected to the city council twelve consecutive terms, serving 3 years as council chairman and as deputy mayor, the city of Rockledge owes much to Dr. Smith for his unmatched dedication and service to its residents.

A life-long Brevard County resident, Dr. Smith began his career as an educator, having earned his doctoral degree in education from University of Florida and serving as the President Emeritus of Brevard Community College (BCC) until 2000. He then came out of retirement to become provost of the Palm Bay Campus location and served as BCC's college ambassador until 2017.

In both his personal and professional life, he was viewed as a mentor for students in the community and his coworkers. He was a founder of the Brevard Recreation Association and served on the board of directors for many community organizations such as the Salvation Army, Circles of Care, Rolling Readers, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Tom Price of Rockledge says of Councilman Smith, "He's the definition of a true statesman, someone that you rarely see in politics anymore. He's done 36 years of great work on the board and will be greatly missed by the City Council."

In recognition of his work to advance higher education in the community, Dr. Smith has

had several educational facilities named in his honor such as the Joe Lee Smith Recreational Center in Cocoa and the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Teaching Center on the Brevard Community College Melbourne Campus.

A revered and distinguished member of the community, he has been the recipient of multiple awards including the Brevard Community College Distinguished Servant Award, Onyx Magazine's Humanitarian Award, and the United Third Bridge Puerto Rican Taino Award for his work advancing the Hispanic community in Brevard.

Aside from his distinguished role as an educator for the community, Dr. Smith has also been honored as an athlete, having been inducted into Florida A & M University's Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a talented baseball player in addition to the Space Coast Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions in sports program development.

On November 20th, the Rockledge City Council will recognize Dr. Smith's long and accomplished tenure. His contributions to the community are immeasurable and will surely be felt and appreciated by generations of Floridians to come.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives along with the residents of Rockledge to join me in saluting his work.

RECOGNIZING BETTY WIECHERT
AS SHE CELEBRATES HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Betty Wiechert, a resident of Muskingum County, who is celebrating her 100th birthday this Saturday, October 19, 2019.

Betty has lived a life characterized by devotion and an unyielding selflessness, making her a pillar of this congregation. A woman of family, community, and faith, Betty was a Sunday School teacher and taught my very first Sunday School class. Her devotion and unwavering loyalty for the Coburn Church community is still evident today as she attends each and every Sunday service, even if that requires taking a taxi to mass. Betty is an incredible inspiration and role model to us all and I am sure turning 100 will not slow Betty down in the slightest.

I join Betty's friends and family in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day, and in celebrating her life and contributions to our congregation and community. Happy 100th Birthday to Betty; it is an honor celebrating with her.

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IN RECOGNITION OF ANN
RUDISILL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ann Rudisill and congratulate her on being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our Downriver community makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Inspiring Achievement Award.

Ann Rudisill is a veteran of the United States Air Force. After serving in Colorado Springs for four years during the Vietnam Era, Ann returned home with an unrelenting commitment to the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces alongside her. She endeavored to find new ways to support our nation's veterans, especially those in her local community, and has been passionately pursuing this mission ever since.

On April 7, 2017, Ann Rudisill founded Downriver for Veterans. Recognizing many veterans in our community lack reliable assistance and transportation options, Ann established Downriver for Veterans to help them meet their needs and navigate throughout the Downriver region. Since the organization's inception, Downriver for Veterans has provided food, shelter, paperwork, and transportation to over 350 veterans in our Downriver community. The organization continues to rapidly grow and was officially recognized as a non-profit organization in February of this year. Downriver for Veterans has a real impact on the veterans of our community, and Ann's meaningful efforts truly serve as an inspiration to all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ann Rudisill as she receives SWCRC's Leadership Award. Her commitment to veterans by ensuring all their basic needs are met is worthy of commendation. Ann wholeheartedly deserves the SWCRC Leadership Award, and, above all, we thank her for her service to our great nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LARRY SIMMONS

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a great American hero, Larry Simmons.

Mr. Simmons joined the United States Army in 1960 after finishing high school. After several assignments throughout the United States and in Berlin, Mr. Simmons received orders to deploy to Vietnam. Over the course of his two tours in Vietnam, he received two Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars for his heroic actions on the battlefield, including his rescue of two small children during a firefight.

Following Mr. Simmons' retirement from the military in 1980, after 20 years of service, he spent 14 years as a correctional officer at San Quentin prison. After his retirement, Mr. Simmons and his wife, Karen, moved to Kentucky

Lake to enjoy life as a grandfather and great grandfather.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Simmons on his induction into the Signature Healthcare Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIDDLESEX
COUNTY FREEHOLDER
BLANQUITA B. VALENTI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable Blanquita B. Valenti on her retirement as a Middlesex County Freeholder. As a freeholder, city council member and educator, Freeholder Valenti has distinguished herself as a dedicated public servant whose contributions and achievements are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

A long-time resident of New Brunswick, New Jersey, Freeholder Valenti devoted many years to representing her community as a council member and freeholder. She is well-respected by her colleagues as well as the residents she serves. Her professionalism and vision for the community earned her elections to leadership positions on the City Council and Board of Chosen Freeholders, including council vice president, council president and freeholder deputy director.

Although retiring from elected office, Freeholder Valenti remains an active community leader and advocate for individuals and families in Middlesex County. She has served on numerous boards of social services agencies, educational organizations and others, including the Middlesex County Board of Social Services, PRAB, Middlesex County Hispanic Affairs Commission, ASPIRA New Jersey and the Middlesex County College Foundation. She is also a founding board member of Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc., a non-profit aimed at ending homelessness in the county, which is honoring Freeholder Valenti at their Fall Gala on October 19, 2019.

In addition to serving in elected office, Freeholder Valenti taught at Trenton State College (currently The College of New Jersey) and Rutgers University as well as high schools throughout Middlesex County. She earned her Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education from Seton Hall University and her master's degree in Spanish and Latin American Literature from Rutgers University, and holds her undergraduate degree from Rosemont College in Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, once again, it is my great honor to pay tribute to Freeholder Blanquita B. Valenti as she retires as a Freeholder this year. I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking her for her commitment to public service and the betterment of our communities.

COMMENDING DR. G. DOUGLAS
RIPLEY FOR HIS CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO
NORTH ALABAMA

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. G. Douglas Ripley, for his diligence in ministry and service to others.

On January 1st, 1970, Dr. Ripley received Jesus Christ as his Savior and immediately began to cultivate his relationship with Christ and understanding of the Bible. Within a few weeks he enrolled in the Gulf Coast Bible College at Anderson Church of God and thereafter traveled as a student evangelist, during which time he met his wife, Katy.

In 1973, Dr. Ripley and Katy pastored Open Door Baptist Church in Tennessee, where the church grew from 16 to 1,000 people in a short twelve years. By December of 1985, Dr. Ripley, Katy, and their two children, Jessica and Jeremy, moved to Decatur, Alabama where Dr. Ripley became the Pastor of Moulton Heights Baptist Church. The church grew rapidly, relocating once and having five major renovations from 1988 to 2004. Under Dr. Ripley's leadership, many lives have been impacted.

Known as "Brother Douglas," Dr. Ripley's passion for world missions and discipleship have reached across the world. In fact, he was one of the first pastors to visit Albania and his act of bravery opened the way for more churches to evangelize in Albania.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Ripley's diligent and obedient service to his flock and God is inspiring and sets an example for future generations.

I commend Dr. G. Douglas Ripley for his leadership in the church and passion for service to Christ.

SUPPORTING H.R. 2328, THE REAUTHORIZING AND EXTENDING
AMERICA'S COMMUNITY HEALTH
ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, now is the time to fix Medicaid funding, the insular areas. This is an area of strong bipartisan agreement—Republicans and Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce committee agree, and something must be done.

H.R. 2328 was reported out of Committee in July. This bipartisan solution would address the serious funding shortfall that all Insular Areas face now that the special Obamacare Medicaid funding has ended.

Our hospital, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), and other healthcare providers across the Marianas depend on the availability of Medicaid funds as a significant source of revenue. This special funding provided an average of \$11 Million beyond our statutory cap each year, ensuring CHCC and

other providers remain open so that people can access healthcare services. In Fiscal Year 2018, 49 percent of all third-party payor reimbursements to CHCC were Medicaid. That amounts to \$17.3 Million in revenue representing almost 30 percent of the hospital's total revenue. CHCC relies on Medicaid. With no certainty of funding, the Marianas made the tough decision on June 1, 2019 to cut off Medicaid reimbursements to providers, directing all Medicaid beneficiaries to use the clinics of the CHCC until further notice.

We received an additional \$36 Million for Medicaid in the disaster supplemental H.R. 2157, but in just a month after disbursement, more than half of the funds were paid out to providers, many of which are still owed reimbursements. We know the positive impact that regular access to healthcare can have on a person's overall health—just as we know how much worse a medical event can be for an individual that no longer has regular access. For the Marianas, it is already difficult for people to get to their providers for their specific healthcare needs. The hold imposed on outpatient clinics is evidence that taking this funding away not only threatens low-income families, but everyone at all income levels. It is already happening, and Congress should act now.

I thank Chairman PALLONE, Ranking Member WALDEN, and all the members of the committee for understanding the urgency of the Medicaid crisis in the insular areas and addressing the issue in a bipartisan way.

Let's bring H.R. 2328 to the floor and show that the House is united in our support for the Insular Areas. Let's fix the Medicaid funding cliff.

FLETC ARTESIA 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. XOCHITL TORRES SMALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, today, October 18, 2019 marks the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Office of Artesia Operation's 30-year anniversary. On September 22, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, House Resolution 4775, to grant the purchase, renovation, and adaptation of a former college campus in Artesia, New Mexico, as a facility of FLETC. The following year, FLETC-Artesia was officially established as a Training Delivery Point. Today, Artesia, New Mexico, is the second largest FLETC site in terms of workload, and largest in square miles housing up to 1,800 students at any time.

FLETC-Artesia's role in keeping the country safe cannot be understated. For the last three decades, it has remained committed to preparing the federal law enforcement community through strategic partnerships in accordance with a mission to safeguard the American people, our country, and our values. FLETC-Artesia has played a critical role in the initial training of law enforcement officers on the front line—including those joining United States Border Patrol, the Federal Air Marshals and Federal Flight Deck Officers. The Artesia

campus is also home to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Police Academy, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Memorial, which honors the service and sacrifice of those who have died in the line of duty.

Since Congress authorized FLETC to purchase, rehabilitate, and expand the site in 1989, over one million officers and agents have been trained. More recently, in fiscal year 2018, FLETC Artesia trained just under 4,000 students.

As a witness to the work that FLETC's Artesia location executes, I am honored to recognize the full extent of FLETC's work, including the diversity and extensiveness of the trainings and the collaboration required for both local and global impact. The commitment to delivering the quality training agents and officers need to successfully do their jobs, protect our communities, and protect themselves is clear.

Law enforcement from across the country and the world travel to Artesia, New Mexico to learn from FLETC's expertise. I am grateful for FLETC's work to serve New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District and our country. FLETC is a cornerstone of our community, and we celebrate its work and impact on FLETC-Artesia's 30-year anniversary.

RECOGNIZE THE INSTITUTE FOR INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession on its 10th Anniversary. The legal profession remains one of the least diverse professions in the United States. This adversely impacts the pipeline of women, racial/ethnic minorities, openly LGBTQ+ individuals, individuals with disabilities, and religious minorities, who will serve as future legislators, judges, public policy advocates, civic and community leaders, and the lawyers who can be found daily in boardrooms and courtrooms. While there are an abundance of organizations working to make the American legal profession more diverse and inclusive, and some progress made, much remains to be done.

For ten years, the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession ("IILP") has been working for "Real change. Now." Its approach has differed from more traditional efforts. It has focused on inclusion rather than just diversity. It has emphasized the supply side over the demand side: making the legal profession more hospitable to diverse individuals, one where anyone with the talent, aptitude, ambition, and determination may enter and rise as high as those abilities will permit. It has grounded its work in research and data that go beyond the anecdotal. It discusses the hard issues and tackles the tough questions that need to be resolved before this profession can truly become more diverse and inclusive. It addresses all types of diversity in all practice settings all over the United States. More importantly, everyone in the legal profession has a home within the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

I was honored to give remarks during the inaugural year of the formation of the IILP in 2009 and I am pleased to share these highlights from its first ten years of service. The IILP is continuing to publish its "Review on the State of Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession," the only comprehensive compilation of data, statistics, demographics, and thought leadership essays designed in the country. This report has become an important tool to everyone in the legal profession who is concerned about diversity and inclusion issues. In addition, the IILP presented some 40 Symposia on the State of Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession to lawyers all over the United States. These symposia bring together an extremely diverse group of lawyers who learn about all types of diversity and find synergies that allow them to work across lines of difference. The IILP provided the legal profession with the only hard data available on the business case for diversity in "The Business Case for Diversity: Reality or Wishful Thinking?". The IILP published the series, "Competing Interests," which is the only analysis of the conflict between corporate efforts aimed at economy and efficiency with corporate efforts supporting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and the impact this has upon minority lawyers. The IILP established the Social Impact Incubator, a group of Millennial lawyers from a wide range of backgrounds and practice settings, who are learning to be thought leaders on diversity and inclusion for their generation. The IILP developed the program, "Diversity and Data Privacy in a Digital World." While much has been focused on data privacy issues, this program is the first to examine those issues through the lens of diversity and inclusion concerns. The IILP conducts programs that offer unique and thought-provoking ways to look at and think about diversity and inclusion, such as "The Ethics of Diversity and the Politics of Inclusion," wherein IILP examined challenges to diversity and political considerations that are impacting inclusion efforts; and "Women and Minorities," studying the root causes and potential strategies to address tensions between white women, women of color, lesbians, and trans women. The IILP presented the first conference outside the United States or United Kingdom that was dedicated to diversity and inclusion issues within the legal profession.

For its 10th Anniversary, the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession is celebrating with another thought-provoking program: "Is ROI (Return on Investment) the Appropriate Measure for D&I (Diversity and Inclusion)?" On behalf of the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, I offer my deepest appreciation for the work that you do and encourage that you continue to finding innovative approaches to ensure our legal professionals produce diverse and inclusive workforces.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARY BEATRICE BREWER

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mary Beatrice (Bea) Brewer, a resident of Signature Health Care in Erin, Tennessee.

Mary Beatrice Hutchison was born on May 29, 1922 in Benton County, Tennessee. She grew up in Benton County, where she stood out as a high school basketball player. After she graduated, she moved to Detroit to work in a factory supplying the war effort in World War II.

In 1945, Bea married Tom Brewer, a WWII Army Air Corps veteran who survived many months in a German prisoner of war camp. Together, they raised two daughters—Lisa and Kim—and two grandchildren—Jacob and Lauren.

Bea and Tom lived in Houston County, where Tom worked as a teacher and Bea spent twenty years at the Stewart-Houston Times, the local newspaper where she wrote a column and served as editor. After retiring from the paper, she worked at the Houston County Soil Conservation for over twenty years. For the past year, she has been a resident at Signature Health Care.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mary Beatrice Brewer on her induction into the Signature Health Care Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 564 regarding passage of the SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

RECOGNIZING GEORGE FORMA

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize George Forma, who has been a champion for tribes and tribal sovereignty for more than 50 years.

I am honored to represent eleven federally recognized tribes in my district. Each of the eleven tribes has had to fight for their rights and their sovereignty at every turn.

Standing with tribes in that fight and leading with them are the attorneys who represent them in the court of law.

George was instrumental in securing victory for tribes in the Cabazon case that set the groundwork for tribes to transform their on-reservation economies and conduct gaming operations, which has empowered tribes' self-sufficiency to provide adequate housing, schools, and other needed social services for tribal members.

He has successfully helped several tribes fight their unjust termination and achieve recognition as federally recognized tribes.

And over the decades, George has served my constituents, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, providing advice and counsel with the highest of integrity.

I want to thank George for his work and wish him a long, happy retirement filled with well-earned family time.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANITA TWARDESKY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anita Twardesky and congratulate her for being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our community in Michigan makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Leadership Award.

Riverside Kayak Connection (KRC) is Metro Detroit's premier paddling shop. Established in 2004, KRC offers kayak retail, tours, classes, and events that serve all ranges of paddling abilities. KRC is dedicated to improving kayaking, water trails, and public access in Southeast Michigan. Although based in Wyandotte, KRC is involved in the entire Southeast Michigan community, offering summer rental locations in Belle Isle State Park and Elizabeth Park and providing paddling classes in Southgate and Detroit.

Anita Twardesky joined Riverside Kayak Connection in 2006 as Community Outreach Manager. Armed with a breadth of experience in parks and recreation municipal administration, non-profit management, and grant writing, Anita has excelled in her role at RKC. Her high-level professionalism and leadership are especially evident in her additional role as President of Downriver Linked Greenways, a non-profit organization with a mission to facilitate trail planning, development, and marketing of our Downriver land and water trails. Anita's dedicated work in improving and sharing our state's beautiful and fun recreational waterway activities truly makes a difference and inspires future generations to enjoy, protect, and honor these valuable natural resources.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Anita Twardesky as she receives SWCRC's Leadership Award. As the Great Lakes state, Michigan waterways are a central component of our state's identity. Anita's dedication to ensuring all Michiganders can use these natural resources every year is worthy of commendation. Anita truly deserves SWCRC's Leadership Award.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Rotary Club of White Plains, New York, as the institution celebrates its 100th anniversary on Saturday, October 19.

Established on October 1, 1919, the Rotary Club of White Plains was the 540th club

charged by Rotary International and among the earliest Rotary clubs in Westchester County. The club focuses on raising funds to help local charities continue the critical, often challenging, work of helping those in need in the City of White Plains and across the Lower Hudson Valley.

In addition to local efforts, including scholarship programs to support White Plains area college students and sponsoring the Glen D. Loucks Memorial Track and Field Games, the Rotary Club of White Plains' philanthropic work has expanded internationally. The group has made crucial contributions to the reconstruction and redevelopment efforts in the City of Bahia de Caráquez, Ecuador, after the city's infrastructure was greatly damaged by an El Niño storm in 1998.

The Rotary Club of White Plains has been an invaluable partner in making the City of White Plains and the surrounding area a healthier and more prosperous community. Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow members of Congress to join me in expressing both congratulations and thanks to the Rotary Club of White Plains and its former and current leaders and members for their century of distinguished service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on October 17, I was recorded as a yes vote on Congresswoman Wagner's Amendment to H.R. 1815. To clarify, here is the correct information with respect to that vote: Roll Call Vote Number 563: No

HONORING MILLIE MARSHALL

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Millie Marshall as she retires after 28 years with Toyota. I've had the privilege of getting to know Millie over the past three years that she has served as plant President for Toyota's manufacturing facility in Princeton, Indiana, which is located in the Eighth District of Indiana. I have appreciated Millie's efforts to work with me and to keep me updated about the exciting things and new investments taking place at the plant. During her time as president, the plant has experienced significant growth, which has in turn grown jobs and the economy in Southwest Indiana.

Millie has been an outstanding leader who is well known for her unwavering commitment to mentoring and sponsoring women in the STEM fields. As the first female president in Toyota's history and recipient of several Women in Leadership awards, she helped pave the way for other female leaders, not only at Toyota but across Indiana and the nation. I will miss working with Millie, and I wish her all the best as she begins this next phase of her life.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES COAKLEY

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a great American hero, James "Shimmie" Coakley.

Mr. Coakley was born on March 15, 1920 and raised in Houston County, Tennessee. He married Mildred Clark Coakley in 1940, and they remained together for the next 73 years and 9 months until her passing.

Mr. Coakley was drafted in December of 1944, and he fought in France and Germany as part of the 143rd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division under General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Mr. Coakley was honorably discharged from the Army as corporal in 1946 with a combat wound from shrapnel.

After surviving a ten day journey back across the Atlantic through a hurricane, Mr. Coakley began a longtime career back in Tennessee with the Meriwether Lewis Electric Company, where he served for 33 years. In retirement, he enjoys spending time with family and visiting the residents of Signature Healthcare of Erin, TN.

Mr. Coakley currently holds the distinction of being the oldest living WWII veteran in Houston County. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. James Coakley on his induction into the Signature Healthcare Hall of Fame.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to and urge Congressional action on the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Mr. Speaker, more than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. More than half of American Indian and Alaska Native Women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.

American Indian and Alaska Native women are over one and half times more likely than White women to have experienced violence in the past year. Native women face murder rates more than 10 times the national average in some parts of the country. They also are almost 2 times as likely to have experienced rape than non-Hispanic White women over the course of their lifetime.

Given all these statistics of acts of violence, 96 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women victims of sexual violence experience violence at the hands of a non-Native perpetrator. To reiterate, nearly all of the violence committed against Native women are committed by non-Natives.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the protection of all women and children is or should be

treated as partisan issue. Tribal governments, through trust and treaty obligations should have the same authority as states to protect women and children in vulnerable situations. All states, tribal and local law enforcement authorities should have access and the use of the same tools to prevent these crimes, on or off the reservations. Hunters know where to hunt; fishermen know where to fish. And predators know where to prey.

I am pleased to see the House has taken action on this issue with the passage of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, and I urge the Senate to take up this important legislation and include strong tribal provisions to ensure tribal governments have all the resources available to protect their communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY KRAMER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kimberly Kramer and congratulate her on being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our community in Michigan makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Entrepreneur Award.

Kimberly Kramer established Your Look Logos, LCC, a promotional product distributor in Lincoln Park, Michigan in 2013. As a member of the Advertising Special Institute, Your Look Logos supplies companies with every promotional product companies can imagine like branded mugs, pens, tote bags, t-shirts, and watches from over 3,000 suppliers. With a mission to help business owners create long-lasting and memorable relationships with clients, Your Look Logos specializes in consulting with businesses to find the best promotional products to suit their unique needs.

Being involved in customer service for over 25 years, Kimberly Kramer personally knows the importance of cultivating meaningful relationships between businesses and their clients. Six years ago, she put her professional experience into action, creating a company that would help others generate brand awareness and leave a lasting impression on the clients they encounter. Since its inception, Your Look Logos has become an important resource for many businesses across Michigan, especially throughout Metro Detroit.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kimberly Kramer as she receives SWCRC's Entrepreneur Award. Kimberly's dedication to helping business thrive and establish deeper connections with clients has truly made a difference in our community. We are grateful for her work and wish her and Your Look Logos continued success in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING DR. JASON
DINKO ON THE RECEIPT OF THE
INAUGURAL FOUNDERS AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jason Dinko of Luzerne County on receiving the inaugural Founders Award from Geisinger Commonwealth Foundation.

Dr. Dinko, graduated from Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in 2014. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated his remarkable care and compassion for his patients and our community. Dr. Dinko earned his undergraduate degree from Marywood University and completed a residency in family medicine near Pittsburgh. He now serves the people of Montour County as a family medicine clinician for Geisinger in Danville, where the courtesy and compassion he shows his patients has earned him a reputation in the community for quality care. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Dinko on this great honor and thank him for his care of the people of our community.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Rotary Club of Peekskill, New York, as the institution celebrated its 100th anniversary on Thursday, October 17.

Established in 1919, the Peekskill Rotary Club was the 547th club charged by Rotary International and among the earliest Rotary clubs in Westchester County. The club focuses on raising funds to help local charities continue the critical, often challenging, work of helping those in need in the City of Peekskill and across the Lower Hudson Valley. The more than 10,000 people who attend the club's annual fundraiser at Peekskill High School are a testament to the widespread support for the club's contributions to our community.

A highlight of its 10 decades of service was the Rotary's involvement in recovery efforts after the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Rotary volunteers assisted the Salvation Army in coordinating the delivery of supplies to workers at Ground Zero and raised funds for the families of the four victims who were Peekskill residents. The club also designated a memorial monument and tree to those four individuals at Riverfront Green Park on July 4, 2002.

The Rotary Club of Peekskill has been an invaluable partner in making the Lower Hudson Valley a healthier and more prosperous community. Madam, Speaker, I urge my fellow members of Congress to join me in expressing

both congratulations and thanks to the Rotary Club of Peekskill and its past and current members for their century of service to our community.

HONORING TC AND MAEGAN
SCHWINDLING AND ALL ADOPTIVE
FAMILIES IN ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, our opening prayer yesterday morning was offered by Pastor Phil Waldrep from Decatur, Alabama. I want to thank Pastor Waldrep for his dedication to the scripture and his passion for families.

Six years ago, Pastor Waldrep's extended family grew through the gift of adoption. In Spring of 2013, his oldest daughter, Maegan Schwindling, and her husband, TC, began pursuing adoption from the Democratic Republic of Congo. They were matched at the beginning of summer 2013 with a young girl in Lubumbashi, DRC.

Things took an unfortunate turn a few months later. On September 25, 2013, adoptions from the DRC came to a halt as President Kabila blocked internationally-adopted children from leaving the country. Child placement agencies and adoptive families scrambled to find their way through this roadblock yet they were undeterred in getting these children home.

I had the privilege of meeting Maegan and several other Alabama families during this season while they were stuck with children on the other side of the world. We worked closely with the Congressional Caucus on Adoption and the U.S. State Department to help these families be united here in their new homes.

Pastor Waldrep's granddaughter Zoe finally came home to the United States with Maegan and TC on April 16, 2016. She became a proud American citizen on September 27, 2016—almost 3 years to the day after President Kabila suspended international adoptions in the DRC.

On Thursday, a little over 6 years after Zoe's journey with her family began, Zoe was in the gallery to watch her grandfather open the House of Representatives in prayer. Zoe has suffered loss and tragedy in her life, but through the gift of adoption and the love and care of her parents and extended family, she has become a true example of beauty in broken places.

As the House Republican co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Adoption, I'm honored to recognize the Schwindlings and all of the adoptive families in Alabama. Next month we will celebrate National Adoption Month. May Zoe's story be a reminder to us all of the magnitude of loss and the beauty of coming home that can be found in adoption stories across the country.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND
THEODORE GIBSON

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Theodore Gibson, champion of civil rights in Miami.

Born in 1915, Reverend Gibson emerged as a leader in South Florida's desegregation movement. Determined that his son would attend an integrated school, Reverend Gibson filed a lawsuit against Dade County Public Schools. He also led desegregation efforts at lunch counters and department stores, and even helped integrate Crandon Park Beach by leading a swim-in.

Reverend Gibson served as president of the Miami NAACP from 1954 to 1964. During that time, he refused to turn over the names of the members of the local NAACP chapter to the Florida state legislature, which was hunting for communist influence in American political organizations. Reverend Gibson was arrested and fined for standing up for the dignity of the NAACP.

In 1972, Reverend Gibson was appointed to the Miami City Commission, where he continued to promote civil rights and empower African American communities. A powerful orator and moral leader, Reverend Gibson devoted himself to the Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove, where he served as a rector until his death in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Gibson.

Reverend Gibson dedicated his life to promoting the rights and welfare of the African American community of Miami. His influence continues to resonate in South Florida and will be felt for years to come. I'm proud to honor his memory.

IN RECOGNITION OF SARAH KEW

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Kew and congratulate her for being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our community in Michigan makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Unsung Heroine Award.

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs and members with a mission to "empower communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of our children." Kiwanis Clubs throughout our community embody this mission and tirelessly strive to serve the needs of children in creative ways by tackling hunger, improving literacy, promoting leadership, and offering guidance.

Kiwanis Clubs throughout Michigan cannot operate without strong and effective leaders who demonstrate a true commitment to the organization's mission. As Kiwanis of Michigan

District 5th Lieutenant Governor, Sarah Kew dutifully leads our community's Kiwanis Clubs, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure the organization continues to improve the lives of our children. Known amongst her peers and colleagues for her high degree of professionalism, compassion, and ambition, and she is well-loved and cherished by so many within the Kiwanis organization and beyond. Sarah truly embodies all the qualities of an admirable leader—she humbly strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of her significant accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sarah Kew as she receives SWCRC's Unsung Heroine Award. Sarah's dedication to our community's children is remarkable, and her continued leadership in the Kiwanis Club is deeply appreciated. Sarah truly deserves the SWCRC Unsung Heroine Award.

HONORING BILL WINKKY IN
HONOR OF HIS EIGHTIETH
BIRTHDAY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Bill Winkky who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Bill Winkky, son of Mary Emma and Robert Winkky, was born in Kingston, New York on September 29, 1939. In his eighty years of life, he has been a mentor, a friend, a father, a husband and an all-around good man that deserves to be recognized.

In 1963, Bill married Charlotte Sommerfeld and has remained by her side for the past fifty-six years. Bill has such dedication to his wife and his family, it is heartwarming to see.

Yet, his family is not the only thing he has been dedicated to over the years. He was a teacher, dedicating thirty-two and a-half years to educating and enriching the lives of the youth he taught. He also coached several sports, including football, wrestling, swimming and track. The hours he spent dedicated to young people were well spent, and he had a profound impact on his students.

Bill also has dedicated time to serving people as the Town of Veteran supervisor for ten years and continues to hold this role now.

It is not often you have the pleasure of meeting a man as dedicated to helping others as Bill Winkky. He is a pillar in the community, has given so much of himself to our youth through his coaching and teaching tenure. He continues to do a great deal as the Town of Veteran supervisor. I am honored to know him, and I am equally honored to celebrate his achievements, his legacy of hard-work, compassion and community-mindedness here today.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Bill Winkky on his eightieth birthday.

CONGRATULATING NOBLE “BUD”
QUANDEL ON THE RECEIPT OF
THE INAUGURAL FOUNDERS
AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate Ninth District Resident, Noble “Bud” Quandel of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania on receiving the inaugural Founders Award from Geisinger Commonwealth Foundation.

Mr. Quandel began his career as a laborer and apprentice while attending Bloomsburg University, since succeeding his father in 1976, he has served as Chairman and CEO of Quandel Enterprises. Although under his guidance, his business has experienced great success across the country, Mr. Quandel has remained a cornerstone of our community. Mr. Quandel has overseen significant Quandel projects throughout our community including Geisinger’s Medical Sciences Building and the new Geisinger St. Luke’s facility in Orwigsburg.

Mr. Quandel has consistently demonstrated his commitment to being a good friend, businessman and neighbor. From producing “quicklime” for local building projects, Quandel later added consulting services and instituted an Employee Stock Ownership Program that gave all its employees a vested interest in the company’s success.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania’s Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Noble “Bud” Quandel on this great honor and thank him for his commitment to the betterment of our community.

CELEBRATING AULTMAN HOSPITAL AND CANTON CITY PUBLIC HEALTH BEING HONORED WITH THE AHA DICK DAVIDSON NOVA AWARD

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aultman Hospital and Canton City Public Health in Canton, Ohio—winners of the 2019 American Hospitals Association Dick Davidson NOVA Award for their joint efforts to create the Stark County Toward Health Resiliency for Infant Vitality and Equity (THRIVE) program.

THRIVE promotes women’s health before, during and after pregnancy. After conducting a fetal infant-mortality review, the collaborating stakeholders selected interventions that would have the greatest possible impact on overall infant mortality and the disparity between white and black infant mortality rates. THRIVE’s goals include raising awareness of the value of prenatal care, linking women to prenatal services, addressing barriers to prenatal care and meeting socio-economic needs. THRIVE also focuses on safe sleep education, policies and resources to stop the problem of

infants dying at home because of unsafe sleeping conditions.

While local hospitals provided the initial collaborative funding, additional funding was provided by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the March of Dimes. THRIVE’s strength is also due to other collaborative partners such as local school districts, community health providers and faith-based groups. It is THRIVE’s stated goal that every baby born in Stark County has the opportunity to reach his or her First Birthday. I can think of no more noble goal.

I applaud Aultman Hospital and Canton City Public Health for their leadership in developing THRIVE to address the pressing public health concern of infant mortality in Stark County. It is my earnest hope your efforts become the model for addressing Ohio’s Infant Mortality Rates as well. I think we all look to the day when every child born in the great State of Ohio can reach their First Birthday.

Congratulations on earning the 2019 American Hospitals Association Dick Davidson NOVA Award.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF COMMAND SGT. MAJ. WAYNE
T. BREWSTER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Command Sergeant Major Wayne T. Brewster, on his retirement from the United States Army Reserve, after more than 34 years of faithful service to our nation.

Command Sergeant Major Brewster was born in Odin, IL and graduated from Sterling High School in Sterling, IL in 1983. In 1985, Command Sergeant Major Brewster completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training as an Infantry Soldier at Fort Benning, GA. During his 34 years of service, Command Sergeant Major Brewster would serve with gallantry at every command level, finishing his service as the Command Sergeant Major for Army Reserve Medical Command in Pinellas Park, FL. In his civilian capacity, Command Sergeant Major Brewster is a Firefighter and Engineer for Poudre Fire Authority and has been in the fire service since 1993.

Madam Speaker, I thank Command Sergeant Major Brewster for his 34 years of dedicated service, and wish him well as he starts this next chapter in his life.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF
JANIE MARIE JONES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the esteemed life of Janie Marie Jones. Ms. Jones passed away on September 29, 2019 which greatly saddened our entire community. Her remarkable service to the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

Born in 1934, Ms. Jones grew up in Louisiana and Texas. After marrying, she moved to Detroit, Michigan with her two children. Ms. Jones was a devoted mother, selflessly putting the needs of her children before her own, and even delayed pursuing her own education until they were sufficiently grown. At the age of 35, Ms. Jones received her high school diploma from Robichaud High School and continued her education at Concordia College. She earned her Baccalaureate degree in 1989, and later took classes toward a master’s degree in education in the years before her illness.

Ms. Jones quickly became a fixture of the Washtenaw County Community. Upon receiving her degree, she shared her enthusiasm for education with our community’s children by working as a substitute teacher and volunteer for Head Start in Ypsilanti. Furthermore, Ms. Jones was recognized as a dedicated advocate for our community’s veterans. She worked as a respiratory therapist at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center and also served veterans in a volunteer capacity, where she helped them navigate the complex federal system and connect with the services and resources they needed.

In addition to her work in healthcare, Ms. Jones was selected to join the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department in 1965 and was a trailblazer in this field. Ms. Jones was the first black woman deputy in the department’s history, breaking the glass ceiling for other women in our community. Furthermore, she served on the Workforce Development Board, the Citizens Council to the Juvenile Court, and the Superior Township Planning Commission and Board of Review. Ms. Jones dedicated her life working for causes she believed in, and her efforts truly affected change throughout her community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Janie Marie Jones. We will forever remember her remarkable life, devotion, and service. She will be dearly missed. May she rest in eternal peace.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. JAMES STADLER

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a good man, Dr. James Stadler. Dr. Stadler is the beloved son of Edward Stadler, Sr. and Wanda Stadler. He was a longtime resident of Guam, a faithful servant, a husband, father, grandfather, and a beloved pediatrician in our community on Guam.

Dr. James Stadler was born and raised in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and graduated from St. Mary High School in 1967. From there, he went on to pursue his undergraduate studies at Michigan State University. He then graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, in 1974 and completed his internship and residency in Pediatrics touching the hearts of many children at the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles in 1977.

In that same year, our island was blessed with a man who dedicated his life to the service of others, particularly our children, as he

was called to Guam on an 18-month contract with FHP. He brought his loving wife and 11-month old son at the time, Jeffrey. His courage and curiosity gave our island a graceful and beloved gift—and that was Dr. James Stadler, who eventually decided to make Guam home.

Dr. Stadler worked with FHP Clinic for 42 years, but also wore many other hats in our community. He was the Chairman of Pediatrics at the Guam Memorial Hospital, and in this role, he was instrumental to the opening of the first Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units. He also served as the GMH Medical Director from 2005 to 2010, held multiple volunteer teaching jobs such as ACLS and BLS instructor for GMH, directed and in-charge of Medical Symposiums held in Guam, and was the President of the Guam Medical Society when he was barely 30 years old. This man was a pioneer in Guam's medical community.

But all these hats he wore do not even begin to define the real character behind Dr. James Stadler—an honorable man of his word, an angel for children, and someone to truly count on. He is survived by his wife Virgie, his children Jeffrey, Joseph, James, Jennifer, and Jonathan, and his granddaughter, Olivia. His mark will forever be imprinted on the hearts of all of us, and I join the people of Guam in honoring the memory of Dr. James Stadler and commemorating his many contributions to our island. I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Stadler family. His legacy will inspire us now and forever.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF MR. TERRY McDONALD

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Terry McDonald for his two decades of service as Mayor of New Haven, Indiana. Since his election in 1999, Terry has worked diligently to usher in a new era of prosperity for the second-largest city in Allen County.

Under Terry's leadership, New Haven has seen increases in commercial and industrial activity and heralded improvements in its public schools and infrastructure. He has brought the city to a new level of prominence within our great state and made his constituents proud.

Above all, Terry has always seen his position not as a job, but as a service and a duty. As he does in his role as a minister, Terry seeks to use his God-given talents to assist those who need it the most. His first priority has always been assisting those around him. Officials at all levels of government can learn a great deal from the honesty and integrity of men like Mayor Terry McDonald.

As Terry's time in public office draws to a close, I wish him and his family nothing but the very best as he continues his life of service.

CELEBRATING BREMOND'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the City of Bremond, Texas.

It is an honor to represent Bremond and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bremond has supported thousands of families and businesses throughout the years, and I am proud to offer my congratulations on their sesquicentennial milestone.

Located in Robertson County, Bremond was established along the Houston and Texas Central Railway, which was built through the area in 1869.

The city is named in honor of Paul Bremond, an entrepreneur and founder of the Houston, East and West Texas Railway.

The first train pulled into Bremond on June 15, 1870, with over 1,000 well-wishers present for the occasion.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Bremond was thriving; it was a major cotton center, with a number of gins running continually.

The city has stood the test of time and been resilient; providing generations of families a great quality of life.

In recent years, Bremond High School has been a Texas football powerhouse. They won three consecutive 2A State Championships—2014, 2015 and 2016.

The citizens of Bremond are a hardy people, and the pride of the city and its residents has never been greater.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the City of Bremond and its proud residents for their one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary.

In recognition of this occasion, I am pleased to fly a United States flag over the United States Capitol to honor Bremond's sesquicentennial anniversary.

As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Steuben Electric Association, Inc., was formed in July 1941 under the Transportation Corporations Law and was later converted to an electric distribution cooperative in 1942. At that time, the cooperative had five hundred and three miles of line and one thousand three hundred members. Two years later, its first electric line was energized.

Cooperatives such as Steuben Rural Electric made it possible for rural areas to have

access to electric during the 1930s in areas that would not have otherwise had this service. Without these ingenious organizations, our rural areas would not be what they are today—we owe a debt of gratitude to the rural electric movement that allowed our farmers to use lights instead of lanterns and brought much needed power to the people of these rural communities.

In 1969, the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Electric Cooperative, Inc. began discussing the possibility of a merger. That merger came to completion in 1970 and made the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative the largest of four New York cooperatives.

However, these services are still needed, from Steuben County to Cattaraugus County and beyond. Currently, the cooperative has grown to include one thousand one hundred miles of line, serving six thousand three hundred homes, farms and small businesses. With such a rich legacy and a bright future, I know we will see many more great things from Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for their seventy-fifth anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES (JIM)
HOECKER FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
CAREER IN ENERGY LAW AND
POLICY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Hoecker, someone who has been the voice of the electric transmission industry and a dedicated public servant at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Hoecker has announced his retirement from his current role as Executive Director and Counsel to the WIRES coalition at the end of this year. His distinguished career is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoecker is a widely-recognized expert in the field of electric transmission. His invaluable insight has helped advance the interests of the electric grid among policymakers, industry leaders, and others who share WIRES' belief in the need to invest in the nation's transmission network.

Prior to working with WIRES, Mr. Hoecker held several positions at FERC, serving as legal counsel, commissioner, and ultimately as chairman from 1997 to 2001. Among his achievements at FERC were the developments of electric transmission and natural gas pipeline open access and the creation of regional transmission organizations. After his career at FERC, Hoecker founded Hoecker Energy Law & Policy PLLC and joined Husch Blackwell LLP, where he will remain active in his law and consultancy practice. Hoecker holds a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a Ph.D from the University of Kentucky.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Hoecker and his exemplary career. Taking the steps to ensure that our country has a robust electrical transmission grid is no small task, and Mr. Hoecker

has more than risen to the challenge. We thank him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the electric transmission grid with WIRES and at FERC.

TRIBUTE TO ARMENIANS OF COLORADO, INC. ON ITS 40TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Colorado's oldest and largest Armenian American organization—Armenians of Colorado, Inc. (AOC)—for their four decades of community building.

Established in 1979 by several families, Armenians of Colorado (AOC) is a nonprofit organization that has grown to serve the Front Range's vibrant Armenian American community. From teaching the Armenian language and cultural traditions to raising awareness about Armenian history, AOC has been the pillar of the Centennial State's rapidly growing, vibrant Armenian community. Its purpose is to foster a cohesive Armenian community and to further the understanding of Armenian history, culture, language, and customs within the community and to the general public.

AOC's landmark achievement, the Colorado State Capitol Armenian Memorial Garden, was established in 1982 with the planting of a blue spruce and installation of a memorial plaque in commemoration of the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide. In 2015, on the centennial anniversary of the commencement of the Armenian Genocide, AOC renovated the Colorado State Capitol Armenian Memorial Garden and installed a replica of a medieval

Armenian khachkar (cross-stone) in memory of the victims of all crimes against humanity and in tribute to Coloradans who participated in the Near East Relief's philanthropic efforts to rescue and raise 132,000 orphans of the Armenian Genocide. This khachkar memorial is a recreation of one of the 3,000 Djulfa cross-stones destroyed during the Nagorno-Karabakh War.

Because the fact is, while the Armenian genocide occurred generations ago and an ocean away, we still feel its pain. We have seen how easily the same motives that allowed the Armenian genocide to occur still happen to today. As we have learned, all too often an assault on any ethnic group or religion is an assault on all of us.

AOC has also been instrumental in partnering with the Armenian National Committee of America to establish the Sardarapat Armenian Memorial Highway in my District in 2018 to mark the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Armenian Republic and to celebrate Armenian Genocide survivors' determination to save their nation from total extinction.

On its 40th birthday, I wish AOC many more successes in its commendable mission of serving the educational and cultural needs of Colorado's vibrant Armenian American community.

IN HONOR OF ERIN TIDERMAN-GROSS AND DEIRDRE ABRAMS

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two wonderful teachers from

Idaho: Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross of Meridian, Idaho, and Mrs. Deirdre Abrams of Donnelly, Idaho who have been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government for teachers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer studies. I am proud today to recognize the hard work of Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Tiderman-Gross and their dedication, commitment, and passion for our students' success in the sciences.

At Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian, Idaho—my hometown—Mrs. Tiderman-Gross teaches advanced placement biology and has acted as a mentor to hundreds of students in the National Honor Society. Mrs. Tiderman-Gross is an adviser in one of the largest, most-active National Honor Society Chapters in Idaho. She has impacted countless families, students, and community members through her work, and after 24 years, continues to share her passion for biology with her students.

At Donnelly Elementary School, Mrs. Abrams has taken the world to her students through place-based learning. Mrs. Abrams has given her students hands-on educational trips to study rainbow trout populations, pollinator gardens, and cattle data to improve water quality. Her students even share their water quality data with local government agencies. Mrs. Abrams has been an educator for 23 years and continues to be a shining example of innovative teaching in the sciences.

I thank Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross and Mrs. Deirdre Adams for their passion and commitment to their students. This honor bestowed upon them is a testament to their dedication and I am so proud of their representation of the great State of Idaho.